

MILL-OWNERS DO NOT YIELD

THE FALL RIVER OPERATIVES' PROPOSITION REJECTED.

IT WAS FOR A REDUCTION OF 34 INSTEAD OF 11-10 PER CENT—THE STRIKE QUESTION LIKELY TO BE LEFT TO THE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 27.—The latest proposition of the operatives and the answer of the mill-owners have again left matters in this city in an uncertain condition, although by many the outcome anticipated is an acceptance by the operatives, at least for the present, of the reduction of wages. The proposition of the mill hands is understood to be a compromise between two factions in the Conference Committee, one favoring an immediate strike and the other a postponement of all action until March. It differs from what manufacturers expected, and is a request that the reduction be halved, that is, made 34 per cent, instead of 11-10, until March 1, when another conference is suggested to consider the questions prevailing at that time. The answer of the manufacturers, decided upon by their committee at a meeting this afternoon, is a rejection of the proposition.

It is probable that the operatives' Conference Committee will make no recommendation to the textile unions, but will allow them to act for themselves. The Conference Committee will meet again to-morrow night, and on Thursday night general meetings of the weavers, spinners and carders will be held for final action. The other unions will meet for the same purpose before the close of the week.

Both of the latest communications were kept from the public until the answer from the manufacturers was received by Secretary O'Donnell this afternoon. They are as follows:

December 26, 1897.

C. C. Rounsaville, secretary Manufacturers' Association.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Conference Committee of the textile unions held this day the following resolution was adopted:

"We, the representatives of the textile unions of Fall River, having the best interests of the city at heart, and desiring to avoid a conflict with our employers, request them to make the proposed reduction 34 per cent, instead of 11-10 per cent, until March 1, and to hold another conference at that time to try and settle the differences existing between employers and employees."

On behalf of the textile unions,

Thomas O'Donnell, secretary Conference Committee.

Dear Sir: Yours of even date received at hand. In reply would say a reduction of wages has been made for the month of December, and for the following month we have tried curtailment of production, while our competitors in the South and West have been running their mills and supplying our customers. In spite of such curtailment, the price of goods has declined, and to-day it is at a lower level than it was a month ago. The amount of the reduction proposed is, we feel, very moderate, much less than is thought by many to be necessary in the present situation in which we find ourselves placed. In view of these facts we feel obliged to decline your proposition. Yours respectfully,

By order of the Manufacturers' Committee,

CYRUS C. ROUNSAVILLE, Secretary.

FOUR DRANK CORROSIVE SUBIMATE.

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS WHISKEY—TWO OF THE DRINKERS ARE DEAD.

A peculiar poisoning case was reported yesterday, after the death of James Flannigan, of No. 40 East Forty-eighth-st., on Sunday.

Last Monday Flannigan, Patrick McNally, John Hyland and Victor Lindholm, who were drinking together, moved the furniture and household effects of Mrs. D. J. O'Meara from the Arlington, at No. 20 East Forty-ninth-st., to No. 20 East Fifty-second-st. There was a demijohn which Mrs. O'Meara said was labelled poison, but which the men declare was labelled whiskey. It contained a solution of corrosive sublimate and alcohol.

Hyland carried the demijohn down the steps. "There's good stuff in here," he said. Then he took a drink and handed the jug to McNally, who took a drink, and, without saying a word, handed it to Flannigan, who drank and turned it over to Lindholm. The reason why they said nothing was because they were badly burned about the mouth and had become so that they could not articulate. The men ran to the janitor and said that they were burning up on the inside, but the janitor, a man named Amor, thinking they were intoxicated, paid no attention to them.

Hyland worked until 12 o'clock and then became sick that he was obliged to go home. At 3 o'clock Flannigan and Lindholm were obliged to quit work. McNally worked until later in the day and was finally forced to quit. All the men went to their homes except Lindholm, who went to Bellevue Hospital, where he was pumped out and is all right now. Hyland did not drink much and only bled his mouth.

McNally went to his home, at No. 25 East Forty-eighth-st., and Dr. Burton, of No. 22 East Forty-eighth-st., diagnosed the case as one of poisoning, and administered remedies, but McNally lingered in great agony until 1 o'clock last night, when he died.

Flannigan went to his home and Dr. D. S. Lyon, of No. 23 East Thirtieth-st., endeavored to save him, but the man died at 3:40 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Dr. Lyon sent a letter to the coroner, telling of the poisoning and asking him to make an investigation.

CLOSING UP POLICE BUSINESS.

Police Commissioners Mess, Andrews and Smith yesterday held a meeting to clear up the business of the Department before turning it over to the new Board of the enlarged city. Commissioner Parker was absent. Before the meeting Commissioner Smith tried several delinquent patrolmen. The Board decided to finish up all business ending yesterday, and to leave everything beginning to-day for the new Board.

Commissioner Andrews, the treasurer of the Board, has made a special arrangement with the Controller whereby the members of the force are to be paid off on December 31. It is customary to pay off the men and women on the 31st, and the members wish to have the new Board start fresh.

FAREWELL TO MISS GONNE.

A farewell reception was given for Miss Maud Gonze, who is called the "Irish Girl of Arc," at the United Irish Societies, at Cooper Institute last night. She has been in this country two months endeavoring to unite the various Irish societies and factions and working for the cause of Ireland. She received a purse of \$250 at the reception last night. To-morrow she sails for her home in Ireland. The Rev. Dr. McGinley, of the Irish Mission, delivered the address, and Miss Gonze, Katherine M. Hanbury, Barbara H. Casey and James F. Egan.

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